## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0029] in the published version of the above-captioned application with the following rewritten paragraph [0029]:

-- [0029] In particular, the auxiliary lever 22 is hinged to the plate 3 by means of a pin 23 having an axis C parallel to the axes A and B, and is set in a position facing the fork 8 and the dog 9 and substantially alongside the fork 8 and dog 9 themselves. --

Please replace paragraph [0037] in the published version of the above-captioned application with the following rewritten paragraph [0037]:

-- [0037] This solution, albeit presenting the same effectiveness as the one described and illustrated above, would not, however, enable the overall dimensions of the closing mechanism 4 and, hence, of the corresponding lock 1 to be limited to the minimum. --

Please replace paragraph [0038] in the published version of the above-captioned application with the following rewritten paragraph [0038]:

-- [0038] According to a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the auxiliary lever 22 is loaded by a cylindrical helical spring 29 towards a resting position, in which said lever 22 is detached from the dog 9 (see FIGS. 1 and 2). --

Please replace paragraph [0041] in the published version of the above-captioned application with the following rewritten paragraph [0041]:

-- [0041] Rotation of the fork 8 initially brings about a sliding of the peripheral edge of the teeth 14 and 15 on the end edge 20 of the dog 9. As soon as the shoulder 21 of the tooth 14 passes beyond the end edge 20, the dog 9, under the thrust of its spring, snaps further towards the fork 8, which completes its travel reaching the overtravel position (see FIG. 3). --